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## **Spanaway Women Killed In Rollover Collision In Pierce County**

A Spanaway woman was killed when her car drifted off the roadway northbound Interstate 5 (I-5) to City Center (Interstate 705) exit ramp by the Tacoma Dome. Investigators are still unsure why she left the roadway.

The April 9<sup>th</sup> incident occurred approximately 6: 45 P.M. when the State Patrol began to receive reports of a one car serious injury rollover collision northbound I-5 to the City Center exit. A white 1993 Buick Road Master driven by 62 year-old Willow Christina Schweter of Spanaway exited the northbound lanes of I-5 to City Center when the vehicle drifted to the right striking a cement barrier. The Buick then rolled over the barrier and down an embankment striking a tree. Sadly, Schweter sustained life-threatening injuries and died at the scene. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

Troopers are still trying to determine why Schweter drove off the road. There was no evidence of braking and they do not believe alcohol was a factor. The exit ramp to City Center was blocked off and on for approximately 4 hours for the investigation.